

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 103 29 200.4 filed June 28, 2003. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2004/001259 filed June 17, 2004. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Such a filter is known from ~~European Patent EP1113163A2~~ United States Patent US5861050A. Similar filter designs are disclosed in United States Patents ~~US2002/0176857A1~~ US2002/0174857, US2001/0020418A1 and ~~US5861050A~~, EP 1 113 163 A2 and Japanese Patents JP63-246462 A and JP10-339218A.--